

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Llew Jones, on January 18, 2011 at 3:01 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Absent:** None

##### **Staff Present:**

Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 14, 1/6/2011; SB 139, SB 140, 1/10/2011

**HEARING ON SB 139**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:58 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 139, Subject motor carriers to PSC tax and repeal annual motor carrier fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:48 Bill Gallagher, Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

**EXHIBIT(his13a01)**

00:10:29 Jesse Rumble, Montana Chauffeured Transportation Association (CTA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:11:59 Gary Spaeth, Montana Solid Waste Contractors Association (SWCA)

**EXHIBIT(his13a02)**

00:15:51 Barry Stang, representing the Motor Carriers of Montana

00:17:49 Tom Rasmusson, (SWCA)

00:19:48 Dave Duffy, General Manager, City County Sanitation

00:21:58 Jerry Parkins, President, Karst Stage Inc. (KSI)

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:23:39 Sen. Zinke

00:24:15 Bill Gallagher, (PSC)

00:25:34 Sen. Zinke

00:26:20 Gary Spaeth, (SWCA)

00:27:05 Sen. Zinke

00:27:25 Gary Spaeth

00:27:48 Sen. Buttrey

00:28:40 Bill Gallagher

00:29:05 Sen. Buttrey

00:29:23 Bill Gallagher

00:30:08 Sen. Arthun

00:30:24 Gary Spaeth

00:31:13 Chairman Jones

00:33:05 Bill Gallagher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:23 Sen. Erickson

**HEARING ON SB 140**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:37:11 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 140, Revise motor carrier laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:38:37 Bill Gallagher, (PSC)

**EXHIBIT(his13a03)**

00:42:13 Jerry Parkins, (KSI)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:42:52 Bob Gilbert, representing the Montana School Bus Contractors Association (SBCA)

00:45:13 Jesse Rumble, (CTA)

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:49:37 Vice Chair Sonju

00:49:52 Jerry Parkins

00:52:14 Vice Chair Sonju

00:52:24 Jerry Parkins

00:52:32 Sen. Keane

00:53:02 Bill Gallagher

00:53:27 Sen. Wanzienried

00:53:45 Bill Gallagher

00:54:00 Jim Paine, Attorney, (PSC)

00:55:28 Chairman Jones

00:56:59 Sen. Erickson

00:58:29 Eric Dahlgren, Staffer, (PSC)

01:00:04 Sen. Wanzienried

01:00:24 Jesse Rumble

01:03:29 Sen. Keane

01:03:58 Eric Dahlgren

01:04:51 Sen. Keane

01:04:59 Eric Dahlgren

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:08 Sen. Wanzienried

**HEARING ON SB 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:06:17 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 14, Revise definitions for motor vehicle disposal, recycling.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:08:38 Bob Gilbert, representing the Montana Dismantlers Automobile Recyclers Association (MADRA)

01:09:37 Loretta Miller, owner of Green Meadows Auto Salvage (GMAS)

**EXHIBIT(his13a04)**

01:17:21 Sheryl Wood, Association Director, Montana Association Of Counties (MACo)

01:17:56 Jake Plat, Lewis and Clark-City County Health Department

01:19:23 Butch Arthur, Central Montana Health District (CMHD)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:22:59 Peter Scott, Attorney, Gough Shanahan Johnson & Waterman

**EXHIBIT(his13a05)**

**Informational Testimony:**

01:22:37 Ed Thamke, Department Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:26:20 Vice Chair Sonju

01:26:30 Loretta Miller, (GMAS)

01:27:10 Vice Chair Sonju

01:28:11 Loretta Miller

01:29:27 Sen. Keane

01:30:25 Sen. Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:55 Sen. Lewis

01:32:57 Chairman Jones

**Additional Exhibits:**

The following exhibits were received today relating to SB 137 heard in committee on 1/13/2011

Letter dated 1/18/2011 from Gregory Van Horssen

**EXHIBIT(his13a06)**

Analysis dated 1/18/2011 from Property Casualty Insurers Association of America

**EXHIBIT(his13a07)**

Email dated 1/17/2011 from Bruce Spencer

**EXHIBIT(his13a08)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
01:33:51

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Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his13aad.pdf](#))